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SUBJ: FIAT TALKS BREAK DOWN; STRIKE PROCLAIMED

REF: ROME'S 0834

1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FIAT AND THE THREEMETAL WORKERS UNIONS HAVE BROKEN DOWN. THE UNIONS HAVE PROCLAIMED A FOUR-HOUR STRIKE OF ALL FIAT UNITS ON APRIL 9.

2. FIAT MANAGEMENT AND THE UNIONS HAVE BEEN BEGOTIATING FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS OVER THE FIRM'S NEED AGAIN TO REDUCE PRODUCTION AND, THUS, HOURS OF WORK. THE STOCK OF UNSOLD CARS IS SAID TO HAVE RCSN AGAIN TO 300,000 OR SOME 50,000 MORE THAN USUAL. THE MEDIATION OF LABOR MINISTER TOROS EASED THE TALKS OVER SOME DIFFICULT MOMENTS LAST WEEK. THE RESUMED TALKS BROKE DOWN APRIL 5 AFTER LESS THAN TWO HOURS OVER LABOR'S DEMAND THAT FIAT GUARANTEE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SOME 4,000 WORKERS EMPLOYED WITH DIRECT FIAT SUPPLIERS.

3. LABOR MINISTER TOROS IS EXPECTED TO TRY AGAIN TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE.

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4. /COMMENT:/ FIAT'S NEED TO CUT BACK PRODUCTION FOLLOWS
PRODUCTION REDUCTIONS DURING BOTH THE CHRISTMAS AND PRE-EASTER
PERIODS. THE UNIONS ARE RESISTING FIAT'S RENEWED RESORT TO THE
WAGE SUPPLEMENT FUND, FEARFUL THAT THE FUND WILL BE EXHAUSTED.
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